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All Odds & Ends Must Go

Sole Agents
For
"Imperial" Flour."

In order to clean our extensive stock in DRY GOODS, FURNISHING GOODS, SHOES, HATS etc., we will sacrifice some, in order to have plenty of room for NEW GOODS arriving.

All Staple Goods
Bought
in Car Lots.

LOW PRICE DEALERS

Also some items in the
GROCERY LINE will be sold
at less than the usual price.

LOW PRICE DEALERS

Wetzler Bros.

ANNUAL REPORT

Clerk of Board of Supervisors Makes Report to the Governor--Extracts From Same.

The following extracts from the report made by A. F. McAllister to the Governor for his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior which may be interesting to the people of the county:

POPULATION.

The population of this county, while not showing a rapid increase in the past year, has had a steady growth, in the main devoted to agricultural purposes which this season's rainfall makes possible for plentiful crops and the further opening up farming lands in the county, being the substantial foundation of permanent prosperity in all communities, "the man with the hoe."

TAXABLE PROPERTY.

The assessment roll for the year 1902 shows that the taxable property of the county amounted to \$1,092,905.14, with a possible increase for the

present year of at least \$200,000.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

This county stands second to none financially, handicapped as we were at our creation by our share of the indebted assumed by us to the sum of \$73,000, and the refusal of the Santa Fe Pacific R. R. Co. to pay an equitable share of taxes on fifty-seven miles of their road-way in the county, but with these adverse conditions this county

can make as good a showing as any in the territory. The bonded indebtedness of Navajo County is as follows:

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| Territorial funding bonds 5 percent, dated January 15th, 1903, redeemable after 20 years; matures in 50 years, | \$38,000 |
| Court House and Jail Building Bonds, | 15,000 |
| Total bonded indebtedness | \$53,000 |
| The assets represented in public buildings, bridges and other county property | \$68,730 |
| Value of school property owned by county Dec. 31, 1902 | 20,000 |
| Total value of all county property | \$88,730 |

Leaving a balance in favor of the County of \$35,730, with no outstanding warrants or other liabilities; and in consideration of the above showing, with the increased rate of taxation to be paid by the Santa Fe Pacific R. R. Co. for the present year of \$175 per mile on their right of way, our sources of revenue will be materially increased, and with the continued economical management of the county government as has been exercised since the creation of it, its future prosperity and development is

an assured fact.

EDUCATIONAL.

Mr. F. J. Wattron, the County Superintendent of Schools, reports the increased advancement of education in the county, which will be shown in his report regarding increased attendance and improvements of school property and increased disbursements of school funds for the year closing June 30th, 1903.

IRRIGATION AND FARMING.

All that has been done in this county in the building of dams, reservoirs, ditches and other methods of impounding water for irrigating purposes, have been done by private means, and every effort resulting in success; and with the limited means possessed by them it demonstrates the possibilities of water development, of water storage and distribution, if backed by required capital on a grander and more complete scale and resulting in the reclamation of thousands of acres of land, the making of homes for many, and the upbuilding of our territory as a future sovereign state. Available reservoir sites abound in this county, and notably so one about 3 miles east of Holbrook.

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